500 GENERAL NOTE (R)

First and second indicators

Undefined

Subfields

- a General note (NR)
- 3 Materials specified (NR)

- 5 Institution to which field applies (NR)
- 6 Linkage (NR)

Description/Instructions

Field 500 is used for unformatted notes whenever the other 5XX note fields are not applicable.

Multiple 500 fields may be input in the order prescribed by AACR2. A 500 field with subfield \$5 is recorded as the last 500 field.

Former practice:

Prior to May 2010, information about the source of the descriptive information (sometimes called "description based on" and "latest issue consulted" notes for serials), was input in the 500 General Note field. CONSER implemented the 588 Source of Description Note field in May 2010, providing in that field the source of description and other data important for tracking and controlling the metadata contained in bibliographical records. See Field 588 for instructions on how to provide source of description data in CONSER records.

1. Notes relating to titles and title pages¹.

a. Source of title information.

The source of title information is given with the "Description based on" note in all CONSER standard records. See Field 588 for additional examples and explanation.

¹Notes for variant titles that were formerly given in field 500 with a corresponding 246 field may now be input in field 246 with the specific relationship expressed in subfield \$i. If the relationship is too complex to express in \$i, use a 500 note.

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588 ## Description based on: Vol. 2, no. 2 (Feb. 1984); title from cover.
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Separate source of title notes in field 500 may appear in records that do not follow CONSER standard record guidelines (because they were created outside CONSER or were created before CSR guidelines were adopted).

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500 ## Title from caption.
500 ## Title from title bar (viewed Jan. 15, 2003).
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- b. Title or subtitle varies notes. The latter may be used only when other title information is given in the record.
 - 500 ## Title varies slightly.
 - 245 00 Emergency services SA: \$b promoting the proficiency of fire, rescue and emergency medical services in southern Africa.
 - 500 ## Subtitle varies.
 - 246 1# \$i Issues for 2005/06- have subtitle: \$a Revenue, income and expenditure estimates for the financial year ...
 - 500 ## Subtitle varies.
- c. At head of title notes that would not be appropriate for field 246 (e.g., those including corporate bodies, or related titles that are seen to be part of the title and traced in a 7XX field).

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500 ## At head of title: International examiner.
730 0# International examiner (Seattle, Wash.: 1973)
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- 750 On International examiner (Seattle, Trash. : 1775)
- d. Complex variant titles that can not be given solely in a 246 field (e.g., those that have more than one title.

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246 1# Symposium volumes
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- 246 1# Bibliography section
- 500 ## Some issues called: Symposium volumes, and some called: Bibliography section.
- e. Other general notes concerning the title or title pages.

500 ## Each volume also has a distinctive title.

2. Notes relating to statements of responsibility, the edition statement, or the publishing statement.

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500 ## From the publishers of: National law journal.
500 ## "Bilingual edition."
500 ## Place of publication varies among cities in Lagos State of Nigeria.
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a. Record changes in publishers, places, or dates of publication in field 260.

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260 2# $3 <1842->: $a J. Haway
260 3# $3 <1847->: $a J. & W. Horne
260 3# $3 -1977: $a Bristol, Conn.
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b. Record issuing bodies that are traced in field 550.

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    550 ## Sponsored and organized by ACM SIGEVO, the Special Interest Group for Genetic and Evolutionary Computation.
    710 2# Association for Computing Machinery. $b SIGEVO.
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3. Notes relating to physical description and accompanying material.

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500 ## Vols. 3-6: 30 cm.
500 ## Some issues contain pop-up pictures.
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4. Miscellaneous notes and notes for important numbers other than those with their own field.

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500 ## "A national journal of politics, literature, science, and art."
500 ## List of members in no. 1-4.
500 ## "Pursuant to Public Law 96-465 Section 209 (d) (2)."
500 ## Mimeographed, 1935/36-
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5. Informal summary/scope notes. Include here titles of parts or sections not separately issued on their own. When a title is also issued as a separate publication, the note is tagged 580, and a link is provided.

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500 ## Vols. for <1971-> include an issue called Directory PMLA.
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- 740 02 Directory PMLA.
- 500 ## Vols. for 1971/1972- include Auditor's report and statement of accounts.
- 500 ## Various issues contain book reviews.
- **6.** Earlier or later volumes separately classified note (LC only). A note is made by LC to provide information regarding changes in the cataloging treatment of a serial (e.g., from cataloging individual issues of a serial as monographs to cataloging the publication as a serial).

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500 ## Separately classified in LC before v. 9, no. 3/4 (1972). $5 DLC
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- 500 ## Separately classified in LC after vol. for 1972. \$5 DLC
- 7. Editor notes. Formal or informal notes regarding editors of continuing resources and the dates associated with them are tagged 500.

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500 ## Editor: 1947- W.J. Murphy.
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- 700 1# Murphy, W. J. \$q (Walter Joseph), \$d 1899-
- 500 ## Editor-in-chief: J. Thewlis.
- 700 1# Thewlis, James, \$d 1905-
- 500 ## Editors: 1927- A.N. Pack, E.L. Palmer.
- 700 1# Pack, Arthur Newton, \$d 1893-
- 700 1# Palmer, E. Laurence \$q (Ephraim Laurence), \$d b. 1888.
- 500 ## Edited for the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory by Calvin Goddard and others.
- 700 1# Goddard, Calvin, \$d 1891-
- 710 2# Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (Chicago, Ill.)
- 500 ## Editors: 1887-Apr.? 1912, I.B. Balfour and others; July 1912-Apr. 1932, R. Thaxter and others; July 1932-<Oct. 1947> V.H. Blackman and others.
- 700 1# Balfour, Isaac Bayley, \$d 1853-1922.
- 700 1# Thaxter, Roland, \$d 1858-1932.
- 700 1# Blackman, Vernon Herbert, \$d 1872-

Subfields

\$a General note

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500 ## Title varies slightly.
500 ## "The first American Jewish weekly of its kind." Cf. The Jewish encyclopedia, v. 8.
500 ## Subsequent publishers: William M. Swain & Co., 1857-64; George W. Childs, 1864. Cf. Pa. Hist. Commission. A checklist of Pa. newspapers.
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\$5 Institution to which copy-specific note applies. Subfield \$5 is used for notes that apply to one institution. In most cases, subfield \$5 is used in rare book and special cataloging, but may also be used for institution-specific notes such as those relating to earlier or later cataloging treatment. For further instructions on the use of this subfield, see Headings--General Information.

500 ## Separately classified in LC after vol. 1972. \$5 DLC

\$6 Linkage. For instructions on the use of subfield \$6, see Field 880.

Related fields, etc. Headings--General Information, 245, 246, 260 Notes--General Information, 550, 588, 700, 710, 730.